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Dear Sir/Madam

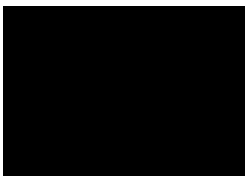
Consultation on the Submission version of the Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Submission version of the Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period 2015-2036. It is noted that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is the role of Highways England to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth. In relation to the Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the A5, M42 and M69 which route 1 mile to the south, 3 miles to the west and 5 miles to the south-east of the Plan area respectively.

We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough-wide planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Sheepy is required to be in conformity with the adopted Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan Core Strategy (2006-2026) and the emerging Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan (2016-2026) which is currently in its early stages of review and this is acknowledged within the document.

We note that within the adopted Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy the village of Sheepy Magna is classified as a 'Rural Village' where at least 20 new homes will come forward, including 15 dwellings at Trout Ponds Farm with further infill development to meet local needs. Considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood Plan area we do not expect that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN. We have no further comments to provide and trust that the above is useful in the progression of the Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan.



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